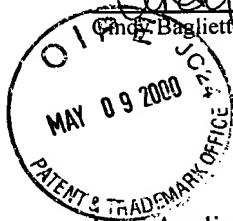


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Art Unit: 2722

Application No.: 09/432,545

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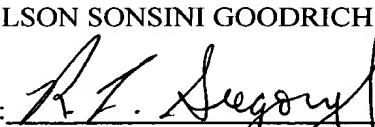
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Persuant to 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2), applicants hereby cross-reference the following related applications, which are all assigned to the same assignee as the present application:

U.S. Patent Application entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING AND PRINTING A COMPONENT COUNT ON A COMPONENT TAPE", which was assigned serial no. 09/433,117, filed November 3, 1999.

U.S. Patent Application entitled "COMPONENT TAPE INCLUDING A PRINTED COMPONENT COUNT", which was assigned serial no. 09/432,834, filed November 3, 1999.

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